

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and Listings of Claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A pipe clamp comprising:
 - a strap adapted to surround a pipe, the strap including first and second opposing ends separated by a gap;
 - a fastener that extends across the gap for tightening or loosening the clamp by narrowing or widening the gap between the first and second opposing ends of the strap;
 - the first opposing end including at least one projection; and
 - the second opposing end defining at least one recess for receiving the projection when the clamp is tightened.
2. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the first opposing end includes two projections, and the second opposing end includes two recesses.
3. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 2, wherein the projections include truncated triangular shapes.
4. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the strap includes an increased diameter portion and a reduced diameter portion, the reduced diameter portion and the increased diameter portion being separated by a step.
5. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the fastener includes a bolt having a base end and a threaded end, wherein the clamp includes a sleeve connected to the second opposing end of the strap, wherein the base end of the bolt is connected to the first opposing end of the strap, and wherein the threaded end of the bolt extends through the sleeve.
6. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the strap includes metal.

7. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 6, wherein the metal is stainless steel or aluminized steel.
8. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the strap has a width less than 2 inches.
9. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the strap has a wall thickness in the range of .065 to .105 inches.
10. (Original) A pipe clamp comprising:
 - a strap adapted to surround a pipe, the strap including first and second opposing ends separated by a gap;
 - a fastener that extends across the gap for tightening or loosening the clamp by narrowing or widening the gap between the first and second opposing ends of the strap;
 - the first opposing end including a first portion;
 - the second opposing end including a second portion; and
 - the first and second portions being configured to extend circumferentially past one another when the clamp is tightened while remaining substantially within a cylindrical boundary defined by a wall thickness of the strap.
11. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 10, wherein the fastener includes a bolt having a base end and a threaded end, wherein the clamp includes a sleeve connected to the second opposing end of the strap, wherein the base end of the bolt is connected to the first opposing end of the strap, and wherein the threaded end of the bolt extends through the sleeve.
12. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 10, wherein the strap includes metal.
13. (Previously Presented) The pipe clamp of claim 12, wherein the metal is stainless steel or aluminized steel.
14. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 10, wherein the strap has a width less than 2 inches.

15. (Previously Presented) The pipe clamp of claim 10, wherein the wall thickness of the strap is in the range of .065 to .105 inches.
16. (Original) A pipe clamp comprising:
 - a metal strap including first and second opposing ends separated by a gap;
 - a bolt that extends across the gap for tightening or loosening the clamp by narrowing or widening the gap between the first and second opposing ends of the strap, the bolt having a base end connected to the first opposing end;
 - a sleeve connected to the second opposing end for receiving a free end of the bolt; and
 - the first and second ends of the strap being configured to intermesh when the clamp is tightened.
17. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 16, wherein the first and second opposing ends include circumferential teeth having truncated triangular shapes.
18. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 17, wherein the strap has a width less than 2 inches.
19. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 18, wherein the strap has a wall thickness in the range of .065 to .105 inches.
20. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 19, wherein the strap includes stainless steel or aluminized steel.
21. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 5, wherein the first opposing end includes two projections, and the second opposing end includes two recesses.
22. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 21, wherein the projections include truncated triangular shapes.
23. (Original) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein at least one projection has a truncated triangular shape.

24. (Currently Amended) The pipe clamp of claim 16, wherein:
- a) one of the first and second ends of the strap includes first, second and third projections, the second projection being positioned beneath the bolt and the first and ~~second~~third projections being positioned on opposite sides of the bolt; and
 - b) the other of the first and second ends including first, second and third recesses for respectively receiving the first, second and third projections when the clamp is tightened.
25. (Previously Presented) The pipe clamp of claim 24, wherein the strap has a thickness in the range of .065 to .105 inches.
26. (Previously Presented) The pipe clamp of claim 24, wherein the first, second and third projections are located at the first end of the strap, and the first, second and third recesses are located at the second end of the strap.
27. (Previously Presented) The pipe clamp of claim 16, wherein the bolt is curved.
28. (Previously Presented) The pipe clamp of claim 24, wherein the bolt is curved.
29. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 1, further comprising a bolt attached to one of the first and second opposing ends of the strap, and a sleeve attached to the other of the first and second opposing ends, the sleeve being configured to receive the bolt.
30. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 1, wherein the fastener includes a bolt that extends across the gap.
31. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 10, wherein the fastener includes a bolt that extends across the gap.

32. (New) A pipe clamp comprising:
a metal strap including first and second opposing ends separated by a gap;
only a single bolt that extends across the gap for tightening or loosening the clamp by
narrowing or widening the gap between the first and second opposing ends of the strap, the bolt
having a base end connected to the first opposing end;
a sleeve connected to the second opposing end for receiving a free end of the bolt;
the first and second ends of the strap being configured to intermesh when the clamp is
tightened;
one of the first and second ends including no more than three projections; and
the other of the first and second ends including no more than three recesses for receiving
the projections.

33. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 32, wherein:
a) one of the first and second ends of the strap includes first, second and third
projections, the second projection being positioned beneath the bolt and the first and third
projections being positioned on opposite sides of the bolt; and
b) the other of the first and second ends including first, second and third recesses for
respectively receiving the first, second and third projections when the clamp is tightened.

34. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 32, wherein the strap has a thickness in the range of .065
to .105 inches.

35. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 33, wherein the first, second and third projections are
located at the first end of the strap, and the first, second and third recesses are located at the
second end of the strap.

36. (New) The pipe clamp of claim 32, wherein the strap has a width less than 2 inches.